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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE CONTINUES

#### A. US INTERESTS CAIRO URGES NO VETO...

POINTING OUT THAT A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS CALLED ISRAEL'S AIR INTERCEPTION OF A LEBANESE AIRLINER A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, US INTERESTS SECTION CAIRO URGES THAT THE US NOT ABSTAIN OR VETO A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. SUCH A VOTE WOULD CAST DOUBT ON US MOTIVES FOR USING ITS MOST RECENT VETO TO PRESERVE RESOLUTION 242 AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATION AND JEOPARDIZE A 360 MILLION DOLLAR COMMERCIAL CONTRACT THE US IS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE WITH EGYPT. (SECRET) CAIRO 2453, 4/14 (EXDIS).

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#### B. ...WHILE THE SOVIETS SPOTLIGHT US PREDICTMENT

THE SOVIET PRESS AND TELEVISION ARE GIVING WIDE COVERAGE TO US STATEMENTS DEPLORING ISRAEL'S INTERCEPTION OF THE LEBANESE CIVIL AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THE SOVIETS CLEARLY WELCOME EVIDENCE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

ISRAEL AND THE US ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THEY TEND TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM SOVIET-ARAB DIFFICULTIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 9636, 8/14.

## 2. BURDENSARING

### A. USNATO PROPOSES STIMULATING "EUROPEAN SOLUTION"...

AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AT USNATO COMMENTS THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MORE EQUITABLE BURDENSARING IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE SHOULD BE A "EUROPEAN SOLUTION." HE NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIES ARE NOT LIKELY TO "TRIP OVER EACH OTHER" RACING TO AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA. HE THEREFORE PROPOSES A DETAILED LIST OF BURDENSARING MEASURES AND RECOMMENDS AN ACTION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE MEASURES BY OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) NATO 3817, 1/4.

### B. ...BUT FRANCE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE

A RELIABLE JOURNALIST HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM AN ELYSSEE SOURCE THAT FRANCE HAS NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NATO BURDENSARING EFFORT. FRANCE HAS NEVER REQUESTED OR RECEIVED ANY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RELIEF FROM THE FRG FOR THE STATIONING OF FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY, SO FRANCE WOULD NOT SUPPORT A PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL AID TO THE US IN THIS AREA. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 21886, 8/14 (NOFORN).

## 3. FRENCH OFFICIAL ASSESSES US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

IN A CANDID DISCUSSION ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY PARIS ON AUGUST 9, THE EUROPEAN DIRECTOR OF THE  
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FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATED THAT EUROPE WAS NOT READY FOR AN ATLANTIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND WISHED TO ATTAIN GREATER INNER UNITY BEFORE ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM. IN HIS VIEW, RECENT EAST-WEST RAPPROHEMENT HAS HAD A DRAINING EFFECT ON THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND RESULTED IN A DANGEROUS CHANGE IN SOVIET PERCEPTIONS OF HOW FAR THE US IS WILLING TO GO TO DEFEND EUROPE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 21882, 8/14 (EXDIS).

4. PEKING WOOS THE TAIWANESE

APPARENTLY HOPING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISARRAY IN THE TAIWANESE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, DAMPEN INTEREST IN THE MOSCOW ALTERNATIVE, AND MINIMIZE OPPOSITION BY THE LOCAL POPULATION TO PEKING-TAIPEI TALKS, THE PRC HAS BEGUN TO TAKE A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPPORTERS OF TAIWAN

INDEPENDENCE. CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG REPORTS THAT RECONCILIATION, FLEXIBILITY, PATRIOTISM AND INEVITABILITY ARE THE MAJOR THEMES IN CHINA'S EFFORT TO CONDITION THE TAIWANESE TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF EVENTUAL "PEACEFUL RE-UNIFICATION." (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 8157, 8/14.

5. PRC BORROWING TO COVER TRADE DEFICIT

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG REPORTS THAT THE PRC IS ACTIVE IN THE EUROPEAN SHORT-TERM MONEY MARKET AND IS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING "SUBSTANTIAL" AMOUNTS. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE PRC'S FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS (I.E., BORROWINGS IN THE FORM OF DEPOSITS) ARE REPORTED BY EC DIPLOMATS IN PEKING TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN HAD BEEN THOUGHT. THE CONSULATE GENERAL NOTES THAT THE PRC IS RUNNING A SIZEABLE DEFICIT IN ITS TRADE ACCOUNT AND IS BORROWING SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM TO COVER. (SECRET) HONG KONG 8158, 8/14 (NOFORN).

6. KIM TAE-CHUNG'S RETURN TO KOREA

GOVERNMENT CENSORED MEDIA ARE DEVOTING BANNER FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO KIM TAE-CHUNG'S REAPPEARANCE AND HIS ACCOUNT OF THE ABDUCTION. EMBASSY SEOUL REMARKS THAT THE  
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PRESS EMPHASIS ON KIM'S RIGHT TO REMAIN IN KOREA DESPITE THE JAPANESE POSITION THAT KIM'S EXIT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF JAPANESE EXIT REGULATIONS "STRIKES A VERY UNLIKELY NOTE." THE EMBASSY ALSO SAYS THAT IT IS A WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT THE KIDNAPPING AND RETURN OF KIM TO KOREA COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE KOREAN CIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 5408, 8/14. ROGERS

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